

UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and dry conditions occurred throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, 46 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), with 45 percent experiencing severe drought (D2), and moderate drought (D1) throughout most of the rest of the state. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 33 percent last week to 25 percent. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 75 percent complete and 7 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 69 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report farmers were busy with their fourth cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 88 percent complete and 95 percent complete, respectively. Corn silking and corn doughed are at 89 percent complete and 62 percent complete, respectively, and corn dented is at 8 percent complete. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep are being moved from pasture and are at 11 percent and 16 percent, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 24 percent very short, 37 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were rated 16 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 25 percent fair, and 34 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS Commodity Current week Previous week Previous year 5-year average (percent) (percent) (percent) (percent) Alfalfa hay 72 77 3rd cutting harvested..... 75 60 4th cutting harvested..... 3 13 18 Barley 88 89 Harvested 75 NA Corn 89 83 Silked..... NA NA Doughed..... 62 45 59 71 Dented..... NA NA NA Other hav 2nd cutting harvested..... 69 58 82 88 Winter wheat Harvested..... 95 88 95 NA Cattle and calves 12 10 Moved from pasture..... 11 4 Sheep and lambs

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for field work | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.8 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 35 | 28 | 10 | 15 |
| Short | 40 | 39 | 36 | 40 |
| Adequate | 25 | 33 | 54 | 45 |
| Surplus | | | | |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 36 | 28 | 6 | 17 |
| Short | 29 | 31 | 46 | 40 |
| Adequate | 35 | 40 | 48 | 43 |
| Surplus | | 1 | | |

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

| | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Alfalfa hay | 4 / | 4 / | 4 / | 4 / |
| Very poor | | 1 | | NA |
| Poor | 5 | 6 | 3 | NA |
| Fair | 21 | 17 | 28 | NA |
| Good | 68 | 70 | 63 | NA |
| Excellent | 6 | 6 | 6 | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor | | | | |
| Poor | 3 | 3 | | |
| Fair | 19 | 17 | 12 | 13 |
| Good | 64 | 67 | 67 | 68 |
| Excellent | 14 | 13 | 21 | 19 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor | 17 | 11 | 3 | 8 |
| Poor | 25 | 23 | 5 | 15 |
| Fair | 39 | 43 | 24 | 32 |
| Good | 19 | 23 | 60 | 39 |
| Excellent | | | 8 | 6 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor | | 1 | | |
| Poor | 2 | 3 | | 2 |
| Fair | 33 | 25 | 14 | 15 |
| Good | 58 | 65 | 72 | 70 |
| Excellent | 7 | 6 | 14 | 13 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor | | | | |
| Poor | 5 | 5 | | 1 |
| Fair | 31 | 25 | 14 | 20 |
| Good | 50 | 56 | 67 | 66 |
| Excellent | 14 | 14 | 19 | 13 |

NA – not available

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